

# The GlenCoin News

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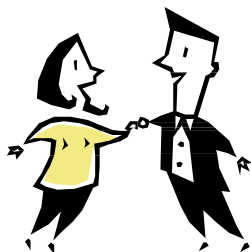


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Glendale (near Montrose)  
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at 7:30 p.m.  
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**W**ow, where is the year going? I was just getting used to the twenty-first century mark in 2000, and then we raced on to 2001. Now, that seems to be almost a quarter over. Oh, well, better get busy typing...

### Welcome New Members

We've been pretty lucky these last several months with picking up new members.



At our last meeting, Oded Paz (#634) and his son Michel (#635) joined the squad, and in mid-February we picked up yet another member over the internet... John Kinney (#636). Welcome aboard, all of you!

### We Won Again

Imagine that! We picked up the NASC President's Award for Best Club Publication for the second year in a row. Shows you just how powerful Jerry Yahalom's influence peddling is. Scary, huh? (Just joking.)

The picture at right shows that it takes two people just to pick up the thing—it's HUGE! Denise Ballard seems happy to help me heft this thing for the photo. I learned from last year and let someone else take it home...

### No More Newsletter...

...for some of us that is. This March newsletter is the last one for those who haven't paid their club dues yet. Hopefully, every-

one will get caught up by the March meeting so that there's no interruption in the delivery of The GlenCoin News to their home address. As a reminder, I've included a special note with the newsletter to those who my records show as unpaid; if I'm wrong, better let me know before next month.



## Treasurer's Report

Mary Yahalom reports that we're doing pretty good financially. Though not rolling in the dough (sorry, Tom, no monthly catered parties), we had an increase in our account from last year to this of \$106.08. Not bad.

## Attendance Tickets

At the February meeting we started passing out the Membership Attendance Tickets to each GCC member at the meeting.

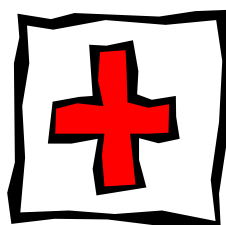


The idea is that for every meeting a member attends they get a ticket. They put the ticket into a can (box,

jar, whatever), and later in the year we start drawing tickets for prizes. The point is to encourage people to attend the meetings. The first drawing will be in June of this year.

## Mary Purnell on the Mend

Mary's had both knees worked on, and spent 3 days in the ICU before moving into rehabilitation for a week. She should be able to come see us at the March meeting. Hope everything's feeling better, Mary!



## The Lincoln Cent and Anti-Semitism

by Gerald Tebben (from the ANA's "Money Talks" series)

Next time you flip a coin, use a new penny and make sure you call heads-you'll never lose. Why? Because the Lincoln cent is really a two-headed coin.

The first Lincoln cents were minted in 1909, one hundred years after Lincoln's birth. Lincoln's portrait on the front has remained essentially the same for all those years. But there have been two very different reverses. For the first 50 years, the coin's reverse featured a pair of wheat ears. This design is often called a "wheatie."

In 1959, in order to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's birth the Lincoln penny was redesigned. It featured the Lincoln Memorial, a monument not even built when the first Lincoln pennies were struck.

The coins designer was Victor David Brenner, probably the only convicted counterfeiter to design a U.S. coin. Brenner, a Lithuanian Jew, had earlier escaped to America after being convicted on a trumped up charge of counterfeiting. That accusation is generally believed to have stemmed from anti-Semitism.

Anti Semitism, too, may have effected the Lincoln cent. The very first coins had Brenner's initials, VDB, on them. Some influential people complained loudly about them being on the coin and after only a few days of production, the initials were removed. Brenner's supporters pointed out that designer's initials had long appeared on U.S. coins and Brenner's were removed simply because he was Jewish.

Now, about the two heads on the coin. If you look carefully on the back you'll see the small statue of Lincoln sitting inside

### New Wonderful Workers List

President .....	Bob Vick
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2nd VP .....	<open>
Treasurer .....	Joyce Allen
Asst. Treasurer .....	<open>
Secretary .....	Mary Purnell
Asst. Secretary .....	Denise Ballard
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Board .....	Harry Reder
Board .....	Viesturs Zagars
Board .....	Bob Vick
Board .....	Tom Redmond
Board .....	Jerry Yahalom
Board .....	Greg Burns

the memorial.

## State Quarter Joke

Here's one you can tell around the water cooler: The new Florida state quarter is due out soon. It's only a nickel, but you count it five times.

## New Proposed Bylaws

For those of you at the last meeting, you'll remember that I was late (bad traffic...grrr!) and apologized for not bringing a printout of the new proposed club bylaws. Well, wouldn't you know it? When I got home I found that I had brought them with me, but just could not find them with all the confusion.



Well, I'll make sure they're in my briefcase for the March

meeting. And for those of you with internet access, the proposed bylaws can be found on the club website ([www.gcc.f2s.com](http://www.gcc.f2s.com)) on the "Club Info" page.

## Long Beach Coin and Collectibles Expo

I went to the Long Beach coin show in February. While there, I took a few pictures to show those of you who didn't attend just how exciting the

show can be. Wow, what a busy place, but let me start at the beginning.

Parking was a little pricey. I think I paid \$7 (ouch). Makes a good reason to carpool. The parking lot is pretty close to the convention center, though, so you don't have to do a lot of walking once you lock your car.

The front of the convention center itself is a beautiful glass and framework structure that lets an enormous amount of light in to the common entry hall where you first walk in.

There were a lot of people (myself included) who were there early and had to wait until they started letting people in at

10:00 a.m. (this was a Saturday). I got \$3 off of the \$5 admission price with my GCC membership card...another good reason to get caught up on your dues if you haven't already done so.

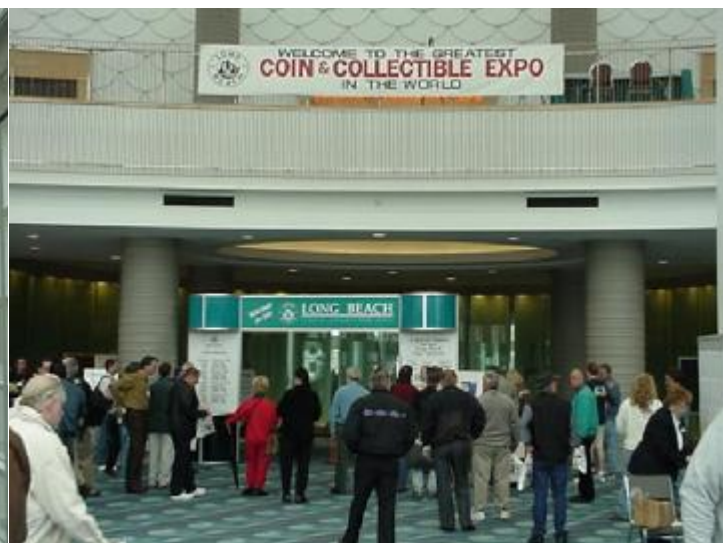
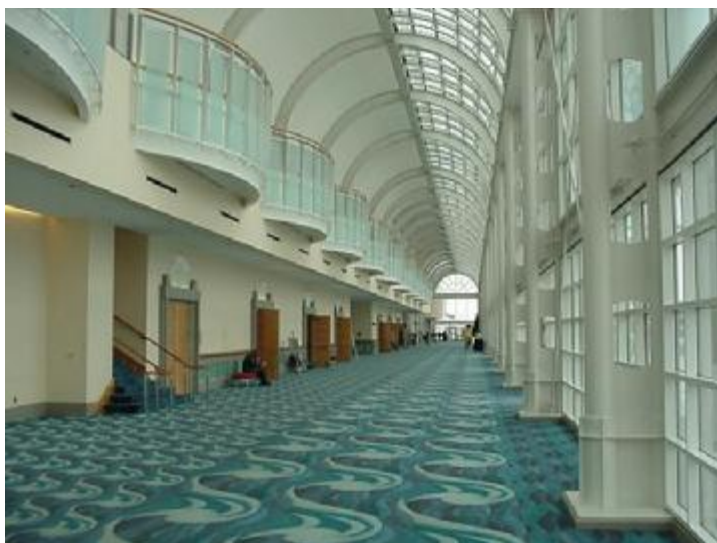
While waiting to get in, I ran into new member Mark Watson. Mark was busily planning on how to cherry pick different varieties of half dimes from some of the dealer's stock. Perhaps he'll bring any of his finds to the March Show 'N Tell.

I walked around for about two hours, and ran in to Mary and Jerry Yahalom at the Young Numismatist's booth. They were kept busy surrounded by a mob of kids. Past member Walter Os-

tromecki was there also, promoting the hobby with every youngster he could find.

Wilfred Gamble was there manning the table with all kinds of club information and literature just across from Mary and Jerry. I caught a picture of Wilfred and Mary surrounded by his tables of information. And I do mean "surrounded".

At the two shots at the bottom of the page you can see how crowded the building is. They must have had at least 500 tables there, with dealers who specialized in just about everything you could imagine. There were plenty of generalists too. Gold was everywhere, as were silver



dollars, type coins, paper money from around the world. Why, I saw a \$5,000 bill there. Though I haven't been very aggressive in my collecting in recent years, someone who's pretty active could easily spend a whole day there poring over all the stock.

### The "Ides of March" Denarius

*by Thomas A. Palmer (from the ANA's "Money Talks" series)*

Coins have commemorated many events--marriages, military victories and coronations, to name a few. But only one design has ever been created to honor an assassination!

In 44 B.C., the average Roman must have felt that things were finally getting back to normal. After a long series of bloody civil wars between Pompey the Great and Julius Caesar, Caesar had brought peace and prosperity back to the Roman world.

Caesar was a champion of the people, even though his family was one of the oldest and most noble in Rome. He used his authority as dictator to lessen the authority of the Senate, and passed social and economic reforms. He also put his portrait on newly minted coins, and his enemies said that proved he wanted to be king. All these things led to an assassination plot headed by two of Caesar's political opponents, Brutus and Cassius.

The plotters claimed their group would restore the Roman Republic. They decided to kill Caesar in the Senate chambers on the "Ides of March," March 15. Brutus and the other assassins stabbed Caesar with their



daggers 23 times.

The people were outraged, and the conspirators fled for their lives. Armies were soon raised for a new round of civil wars.

To help pay his soldiers, Brutus made a new coin. The dime-sized coin, called a denarius, boasted Caesar's assassination. It showed a Liberty cap,

two daggers and the date of the killing, the "Ides of March."

But the coin's ultimate irony was on the other side. Less than two years after claiming Caesar's portrait coins were a sign of kingly ambition, Brutus betrayed his ideals, and put his own portrait on the "Ides of March" denarius.



Here's a picture from the February meeting. What a hub-bub was going on around the auction lot table during the refreshment break. Let's see if I can make everyone out. From left to right we have: Joe Purnell, Jerry Klein, Sonia Keshishyan, I think Beth Owens, then her son Robbie and husband Bill. Hmm, they all look pretty absorbed in their studies.

This Month—Our 501st Meeting



**Program**

Tom mentioned that he'll have some law enforcement professional at the March meeting, undoubtedly speaking about security for the collector. Should be quite informative. See you there.

**Door Prizes**

Not sure what's going to be on our door prize plate, but I'm sure Harry will bring interesting things.



**Birthdays**

- Ian Crandall .....3/14
- Tyler Burns .....3/21
- John Maseredjian.....3/23

*Did we forget your birthday? If so, let our newsletter editor know for next year!*



**Refreshments**

Mary Purnell is scheduled to bring the refreshments in March. We BETTER hope she feels well enough after her knee surgery to make it.

Last Month, February 2001—Meeting Results

**Attendance—25**

**Early Bird Prize**

Bob Vick enjoyed the 1926 S Winged Liberty Head Dime.



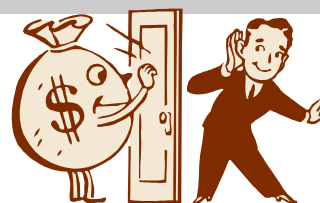
**Show and Tell**

- Wilfred Gamble\*\*\* ..... Chinese Loot
- Tom Redmond ..... Chinese Proof Token
- Joe Purnell\*\* ..... Old Times
- Bob Vick ..... Washington Half
- Dorsille Fritcher ..... Double Mintmark Nickel
- Earl Fritcher ..... Buffalo Nickel Error
- Mary Yahalom\* ..... Fun! Fun! Fun!
- Jennifer Watson ..... New York Quarter
- Mark Watson .... Military Payment Certificate (MPC)

*\* Indicates the number of dollars worth of door prize tickets won during the Show and Tell drawing.*

**Refreshments**

The Yahaloms hosted a delicious table of goodies. Thanks!



**Door Prize Winners**

- 1926 S WLH Dime (early bird)..... Bob Vick
- 1938 D Indian Head Nickel .....Dorsille Fritcher
- Walking Liberty Half Watch .....Sonia Keshishyan
- 1964 Mexico Silver Peso..... Wilfred Gamble
- 1851 Large Cent ..... Viesturs Zagars
- Mexican Peso Paperweight..... Wilfred Gamble
- 1942 S Walking Liberty Half ..... Wilfred Gamble
- 1963 D Franklin Half Dollar ..... Bob Vick
- 1923 Peace Dollar (special prize).....Viestus Zagars
- 2 1/2 Peso Gold .....Joe Purnell

**Special Prize**

Viesturs Zagars walked away with the 1923 Peace Dollar.



**Membership Drawing**

We didn't have the numbered chips...maybe next month.





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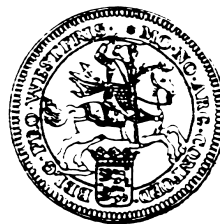
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